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FROM THE DESK OF PRESIDENT

**Steven Harrison**



Greetings ILNA Members,

I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer. But how time flies! It seems like just yesterday I was organizing my letter for the Summer *Digest*, and already it is time for our fall issue and our 52nd Annual Coin and Currency Show. As I write this letter, gold is reaching \$1720 an ounce: a new record high! Why silver is still only \$40 an ounce is a question no one can really answer. Numismatic coin sales, as far as we see, have slowed down a little bit as the average collector is watching where every penny is being spent. How high can these metals go? With the debt crisis being solved– or should I say delayed– and the country's AAA credit rating being downgraded, I personally think the sky is the limit!

Our organization is full speed ahead. I think our show in September is going to be one for the books. Jim Paicz, our show coordinator, has been working relentlessly to make this upcoming show run flawlessly. Our chosen guest speakers are top notch. The bourse floor is expected– once again– to be close to sold out. Considering we are up against the Long Beach Coin & Collectible show, that is something to be said. Exhibitors can depend on a quality professional experience and appreciate the Illinois numismatic community as hard core coin collectors.

Other parts of our organization are also forging forward: Our membership numbers have gone up this year, our youth program is stronger than ever and the quality and content of our *Digest* has never been higher. Working together we can improve the reach and excitement for numismatics within our state and organization. Join with us in promoting our historically significant and rewarding hobby. I would love to see more member articles submitted, such as why you like coins, what your specialty is, and your experiences with the hobby over the years.

In closing, I would like to let our membership know that I really enjoy being President of this association. I hope everyone is happy with the way the organization is heading in a positive direction. If anyone has any ideas, questions, or comments, please contact my e-mail address, which is listed near the bottom of this letter. I do plan on running in next year's election for another term as President of this wonderful association. It is an honor for me to represent Illinois and its coin collectors that I cherish, and I would love to continue representing our organization.

Sincerely,

Steve Harrison

President of the Illinois Numismatic Association

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**ILNA SECRETARY**

***John Schikora***

This summer has been hot and I am not just referring to the weather. Since the beginning of August gold has been on fire. Within a week it had risen over \$150 and as I write this letter on August 10th, it is at an all time high over \$1800. How high it will go is anyone's guess and I hope this upward trend continues for the next couple months. In the past, a jump in metals tends to peak collector interest in coins as well as bullion. With the ILNA show one month away, this activity would only strengthen the show's projected success. Speaking of the ILNA show, Jim Paicz informed me 80% of the tables have been sold. Seeing Long Beach is running against us this year, Jim is satisfied; however, he would like to see 100% in table sales. If anyone is still considering setting up at the show please give Jim a call at 708-670-3469. The shows over the past few years have sold out and been very successful with high public attendance.

This year ILNA is sponsoring a dealer breakfast Saturday, September 10th at 7:00 am in the convention center. The cost is \$5.00 per plate and 100 seats have been reserved. You get a good meal at a reasonable price. The breakfast will be honoring Congressional Medal of Honor recipients with honoree Sergeant Al Lynch being the guest speaker. Sergeant Lynch will also be available the three days of the show to talk with any interested individuals. ILNA is asking dealers to consider attending this breakfast and show their support for these brave individuals who have sacrificed so much and shown their dedication and heroism for this great country of ours.

At this year's show, ILNA will be presenting the Ralph C. Winquist Memorial Award. Ralph Winquist was the first president of ILNA. During his tenure on the board he contributed much of his time and effort helping to improve ILNA as well as the two Rockford Area Coin Shows. After his passing, ILNA agreed to present a memorial award in Ralph Winquist's honor to an individual or individuals who are current ILNA members of high moral standards, good role models and have worked to promote numismatics within their local area and the state of Illinois. The first award was presented September 6, 2000 to the Family of Ralph C. Winquist. The award for this year's recipient will be presented during the bourse with an announcement being made prior to the presentation. ILNA asks those present for their appreciation to this hard working individual.

Hopefully everyone had a good summer and what better way to start out the fall than attending the annual ILNA show September 8th thru the 10th. Hope to see you there!

Thank you,  
John Schikora,  
ILNA Secretary



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## A NOTE FROM BOURSE CHAIRMAN

***Jim Paicz***



It is August and that means I have to get in gear because ***It's Show Time!***

First, it's an open invitation for all ILNA members to attend our 52nd Annual Coin and Currency Show as it will be something special.

Located in the brand new room of the Tinley Park Convention Center, our show opens to the public on Thursday at 2:00 PM— one hour earlier than last year— and continues to 7:00 PM. This is a fantastic venue with plenty of space and lighting with an all-new concessions area. Dealers from across the country with a broad range of specializations will be attending the show. The 52nd Annual Show will be an outstanding first-hand opportunity to view and acquire seldom-seen material at highly competitive prices.

Friday, we open at 9:00 AM until 7:00 PM with meetings of the Early American Copper Society at 1:00 PM and at 2:30 PM, a seminar on the 1099 Law and Self Employment Taxes. This is a must if you are in business.

Leonard Auctions is our Auctioneer again this year, with viewing on the bourse floor Thursday from 2:00 PM until 7:00 PM and all day on Friday until 5:00 PM. The auction action begins at 6:00 PM in one of the adjoining rooms at the hall. Signs will be posted. If you have coins to consign, please call John Leonard at 630-495-0229 for more information.

Saturday hours begin at 9:00 AM with the show ending at 5:00 PM. Larry Briggs from SEGS, one of our nation's best known attributors, begins our day with a seminar on Counterfeit Coins at 9:00 AM followed by our keynote speaker Al Lynch C.M.H. at 10:00 AM. Please see the Al Lynch C.M.H. Citation on page 14 of this issue of the *Digest*. This is a rare opportunity to hear a Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient. Room is limited so please get there early. Remember: there are only 87 living C.M.H. around.

Al Lynch C.M.H. will also open our Youth Auction at 12:00 Noon on Saturday with Larry Dora returning as our Youth Auctioneer again this year.

Please make time to come see us. Joyce or Frank will be available at the registration desk to answer questions regarding ILNA, our 52nd Annual Show and to accept 2012 member dues.

Thanks for allowing me to be your Bourse Chairman.

See you at the Show!

Jim Paicz,

Bourse Chairman

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~Andrews, Frank D. - Arrangement of United States Copper Cents 1816-1857  
For the Assistance of Collectors, second edition, 1883, Vineland, NJ.

~Rapson, Edward James - Catalogue of the Coins of the Andhra Dynasty,  
the Western Ksatrapas, 21 plates, 1 map, the Traikutaka Dynasty  
and the Bodhi Dynasty, 1908, London.

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State Copper Coinage 1785-1788: Taylor Collection March 1987, 1988 Wolfeboro, NH  
(No. 22 of 182).

~Eckfeldt, Jacob R. and William E. DuBois - New Varieties of Gold and Silver  
Coins, Counterfeit Coins and Bullion; with Mint Values, with one plate depicting  
California and Mormon gold coins, an actual sample of California gold nuggets  
and processed gold, First Edition, 1850, Philadelphia.

~Janson, Hector Carlos - Las Monedas Patrias de la Asamblea del Año XIII  
1813-1815, 2001, Buenos Aires, First Edition 1 of 100 copies printed.

~Bluestone, Barney - Catalogues of the "Original" Celebrated  
Albert A. Grinnell Collection of United States Paper Currency  
Parts I - VII, and the 8th cleanup sales in 1947.

~Prober, Kurt - Ouroempo e emBarras, MeioCirculante no Brasil, 175-1833  
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Rio de Janeiro, two volumes No. 195 of 500 issued.

An important work cataloguing 427 genuine and 159 counterfeit  
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I: Auguste. II: De Tibere A Neron, two volumes, 1976/1988, Paris,  
Catalog of the Roman coins in the Bibliotheque Nationale, Kroh 5 stars.





DIGEST EDITOR

***Timothy Guest***



***Focusing on our upcoming 52nd Annual Coin and Currency Show...***

...and getting new opportunities to meet and work with some of our ILNA membership. "Get to as many state shows as you can," was said to me with a certain sense of urgency by former ILNA Board Secretary Michael Doran at the time I was being introduced as the new *ILNA Coin Digest* Editor. Michael and his wife Donna were very instrumental in making that transition occur smoothly for myself and ILNA late last year. "A six-day work week can really limit that," I short-sightedly responded. Although impossible to be in two places at once, I found it quite refreshing to be able to attend—albeit briefly—the Greater Chicago Coin, Currency and Collectible Show in early July and the Central Illinois Numismatic Association Summer Show in Springfield on July 24th. Special thanks to Steve for finding me a table and to CINA for hosting our July ILNA Board Meeting. Getting out a little has made me able to meet with some club members and I hope to be producing a *Coin Digest* that better meets everyone's needs.

An eventful summer busy with shows throughout Illinois will be capped off with the ILNA 52nd Annual Coin and Currency Show. I am excited about the show for a number of reasons. As a Board member, I am getting to see our efforts come to fruition firsthand. From the perspective of a citizen, I am expressing gratitude to the Congressional Medal of Honor recipients who will be with us for our show. As a coin enthusiast, I'll be working the bourse floor from set-up to breakdown. I am looking forward to meeting old friends and new. Should you see me at the show and would like to discuss upcoming material for the *Digest*, feel free to introduce yourself. We are always looking for the tools to improve ILNA. Also, as Editor, I am very willing to provide a forum for you if you are an aspiring numismatic writer. Looking forward to seeing you at our show this September 8th, 9th and 10th!

Yours in Service,  
Timothy Guest

*P.S.— If you have suggestions for the Digest or would make a potential contribution, please email me at [ILNADigestEditor@aol.com](mailto:ILNADigestEditor@aol.com), or write: ILNA Digest Editor, P.O. Box 5442, Woodridge, IL 60517. Sincerest Thanks!*



## **MORE THAN JUST A NOTE IN PASSING...**

**IN REMEMBRANCE OF ART MICEK,  
ILNA LIFE MEMBER**

WHAT A GREAT LOSS– TO HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS–  
TO OUR ORGANIZATION!

*We all have friends. Some we know for a long time and some just pass by for a short time. Same thing goes for organizations such as ILNA– there really is no difference– it is about the people. We are in a very hurried world easily caught in distractions and forget to stop and smell the roses. This is why I am writing.*

*An old friend– someone I have known for 16 years... Someone who I have watched grow ill, but despite that, he never stopped enjoying his hobbies which were coins and sports. We have talked many times and have bought and sold many items from each other over several years and we considered each other friends– but again, a hurried world. I regret not going to dinner with him or just sitting and talking about anything.*

*Well, I was shocked to find my friend Art Micek has passed– especially after seeing him at the Greater Chicago Show just days before. He looked good. It is very unfortunate ILNA has lost more than just a member. We lost a collector and his knowledge– someone who could share a lot about coins and sports– but how many times we took for granted that we would see him again? So, Art, this is my farewell to you... but to all ILNA's members: Stop and smell the roses. Go to dinner with a friend and don't take anyone for granted. Ask what they think. Learn something from them you can pass to someone else. And most of all, remember that tomorrow is promised to no one. Good Bye old friend.*

*Your friend,  
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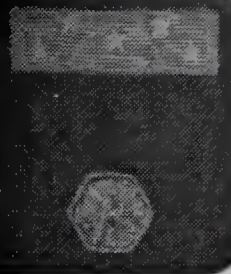
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The first formal system for rewarding acts of individual gallantry by the nation's fighting men was established by General George Washington on August 7, 1782. Although the Badge of Military Merit fell into disuse after the Revolutionary War, the idea of a decoration for individual gallantry remained through the early 1800s. In 1847, after the outbreak of the Mexican-American War, a "certificate of merit" was established for any soldier who distinguished himself in action. No medal went with the honor. After the Mexican-American War, the award was discontinued, which meant there was no military award with which to recognize the nation's fighting men.

Early in the Civil War, a medal for individual valor was proposed to General-in-Chief of the Army Winfield Scott. But Scott felt medals smacked of European affectation and killed the idea.

The medal found support in the Navy, however, where it was felt recognition of courage in strife was needed. Public Resolution 82, containing a provision for a Navy medal of valor, was signed into law by President Abraham Lincoln on December 21, 1861. The medal was "to be bestowed upon such petty officers, seamen, landsmen, and Marines as shall most distinguish themselves by their gallantry and other seamanlike qualities during the present war."

Shortly after this, a resolution similar in wording was introduced on behalf of the Army. Signed into law July 12, 1862, the measure provided for awarding a medal of honor "to such noncommissioned officers and privates as shall most distinguish themselves by their gallantry in action, and other soldierlike qualities, during the present insurrection."

Although it was created for the Civil War, Congress made the Medal of Honor a permanent decoration in 1863.

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## **MEDAL OF HONOR CITATION, SERGEANT ALLEN JAMES LYNCH**

**FEATURED KEYNOTE SPEAKER,  
ILNA 52ND ANNUAL SHOW**



*Editor's Comments: ILNA is humbled to have Sergeant Allen James Lynch, C.M.H., as Keynote Speaker for our 52nd Annual Coin and Currency Show. As liason for the Congressional Medal of Honor Society, Sergeant Lynch received his Medal of Honor Citation alongside of eleven other distinguished servicemen on May 14th, 1970, in the East Room of the White House. The comments listed below, found at the American Presidency Project website ([www.presidency.ucsb.edu](http://www.presidency.ucsb.edu)), were delivered at the award ceremony by President Richard M. Nixon:*

Ladies and gentlemen:

I am very honored to welcome this group here in the East Room of the White House this morning, and particularly because this is one of those occasions that is one of the really mountaintop experiences for a President of the United States.

The Medal of Honor has been described many times, and there are no words that can add to the grandeur of that medal, what it means to those who receive it.

I will simply say today that as we think of this great country of ours—particularly in this room, where we see the pictures of President Washington and Martha Washington, who, incidentally, were the only First Family that never lived in this house; it wasn't built until after their term—as we think of the beginning of this country 190 years ago, we think of it as the land of the free. We should all be reminded that it could not be the land of the free if it were not also the home of the brave.

Today we honor the brave men, the men who, far beyond the call of duty, served their country magnificently in a war very far away, in a war which is one, many times, not understood and not supported by some in this country.

I simply want to say to those who receive the medal and to those who are your families, that there are millions of your countrymen who today honor you as I have the privilege of representing them by presenting this medal to you.

I believe also as I stand here, that as time goes on, millions more of your countrymen will look back at the experience that you have participated in and they will reach the conclusion that you served the cause of the land of the free by being brave, brave far beyond the call of duty; so brave that you received the very highest award that this Nation can provide.

*"Medal of Honor Citation, Sergeant Allen James Lynch" continued on page 18.*



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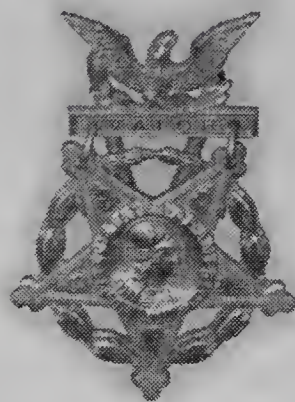
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*"Medal of Honor Citation, Sergeant Allen James Lynch" continued from page 16.*

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The President of the United States of America,  
authorized by Act of Congress, March 3, 1863,  
has awarded in the name of The Congress  
the Medal of Honor to:



LYNCH, ALLEN JAMES

Rank and organization: Sergeant, U.S. Army, Company D, 1st Battalion (Airmobile), 12th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile). Place and date: Near My An (2), Binh Dinh province, Republic of Vietnam, 15 December 1967. Entered service at: Chicago, Ill. Born: 28 October 1945, Chicago, Ill.

Citation:

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty. Sgt. Lynch (then Sp4c.) distinguished himself while serving as a radio telephone operator with Company D. While serving in the forward element on an operation near the village of My An, his unit became heavily engaged with a numerically superior enemy force. Quickly and accurately assessing the situation, Sgt. Lynch provided his commander with information which subsequently proved essential to the unit's successful actions. Observing three wounded comrades lying exposed to enemy fire, Sgt. Lynch dashed across fifty meters of open ground through a withering hail of enemy fire to administer aid. Reconnoitering a nearby trench for a covered position to protect the wounded from intense hostile fire, he killed two enemy soldiers at point blank range. With the trench cleared, he unhesitatingly returned to the fire-swept area three times to carry the wounded men to safety. When his company was forced to withdraw by the superior firepower of the enemy, Sgt. Lynch remained to aid his comrades at the risk of his life rather than abandon them. Alone, he defended his isolated position for two hours against the advancing enemy. Using only his rifle and a grenade, he stopped them just short of his trench, killing five. Again, disregarding his safety in the face of withering hostile fire, he crossed seventy meters of exposed terrain five times to carry his wounded comrades to a more secure area. Once he had assured their comfort and safety, Sgt. Lynch located the counterattacking friendly company to assist in directing the attack and evacuating the three casualties. His gallantry at the risk of his life is in the highest traditions of the military service, Sgt. Lynch has reflected great credit on himself, the 12th Cavalry, and the U.S. Army.

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In addition to citations read by Under Secretary of the Army Thaddeus R. Beal, Secretary of the Navy John H. Chafee, and Secretary of the Air Force Robert C. Seamans, Jr., read the citations for awards to members of their respective services. The eleven others receiving the Medal of Honor the same day as Sergeant Lynch are listed below:

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Some of the final remarks made by President Nixon at the end of the ceremony:

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Just recently, I went to Colorado Springs to a week long camp that is dedicated to coins. Run by the American Numismatic Association, people all over the world came to learn about coins during those two weeks. In all, there were about 400 people between the adults and youth numismatists (YN's). I was awarded a full scholarship for week two, as were other YN's so I didn't have to pay for the flight, classes, or room and board. There were sign-ups for classes before the camp, either a couple two day classes or one five day class.

I chose a five-day class about detection of counterfeit coins. The instructors of the camp came from all over. In the five days that I was in this class, I learned a lot of characteristics and diagnostics of counterfeit and genuine coins. We spent three days looking at slides and taking many notes. Finally we got to look at coins. The ANA actually has over 400 counterfeit coins to look through, and when there are genuine coins mixed in, it is a challenge.

There are other things to do besides classes. There were trips that you could take such as going to a minor league baseball game, a trip to Pikes Peak (which I went on), or a private tour on the floor of the Denver Mint (for adults only). When I went to the summit of Pikes Peak, I took a cog railway all the way up to the top.

The YN's were also responsible for setting up a charity auction which happened later in the week. My job was finance, so I ran a cash register during the auction. Other jobs involved getting donations for the auction, cataloging, lot viewing, and running the auction. I believe that we raised \$17,000 which goes to scholarships for YN's the following year. People donated items to the auction and sometimes they bought them back and gave them to the YN's.

If you are a youth numismatist, between 13 and 22 years old, and are a member of the ANA, you can apply for a scholarship next year. Just keep looking on the ANA website for updates. The scholarship forms usually come out around January and there is a due date so don't forget about it. Be sure to get one and I will see you at the ILNA Show in September.



THE MEDAL OF HONOR

The Medal of Honor is the highest ranking award that can be given to one person in the military. Over 3,400 medals of the highest military decoration have been awarded to service personnel who show valor and go beyond the call of duty. This award is available to service men and women in all branches in the military: Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, and Coast Guard. This award is given to the recipient by the president of the United States. To receive the award the person has to either be nominated by another servicemen or nominated by Congress.

The Medal of Honor has a long history and started with our nation's first president, George Washington. He created the Badge of Military Merit to award soldiers for individual acts of heroism. Even though the Badge of Merit was discontinued, but similar medals were issued later on.

You may be wondering why I am writing about the Medal of Honor in a numismatic newsletter, but if you have been paying attention to commemorative coinage you would see that this year the United States Mint has issued a commemorative coin for the Medal of Honor. They are being minted to celebrate the establishment of the Medal of Honor in 1861. These coins are minted in silver and gold, and come in proof or business strikes. More about these coins can be found on page 24.

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## MEDAL OF HONOR COMMEMORATIVES

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*The 2011 Medal of Honor \$5 Gold Coin is limited to 100,000 coins (across both proof and business strike options).*

The gold coin designs are emblematic of the heritage and legacy of the original Medal of Honor and the era in which it was first established. The design on the obverse of this proof \$5 gold coin depicts the original Medal of Honor authorized by Congress in 1861 as the Navy's highest personal decoration.

The reverse design features Minerva, based on the common central image on both the original Navy and Army Medals of Honor. Minerva, standing with a shield representing the Army and Navy in her right hand and the Union flag in her left hand, is flanked by a field artillery cannon and wheel of the Civil War era.



*The 2011 Medal of Honor Silver Dollar is limited to 500,000 coins (across both proof and business strike options).*

The silver dollar coin designs convey the patriotism of Medal of Honor recipients. The design on the obverse of this proof silver dollar depicts the three current Army, Navy and Air Force Medals of Honor, left to right. The ribbon with field of stars in the center is the common feature of all three medals, reflecting the joint nature of modern era warfare and the fact that the Medal of Honor is the only U.S. military medal worn around the neck.

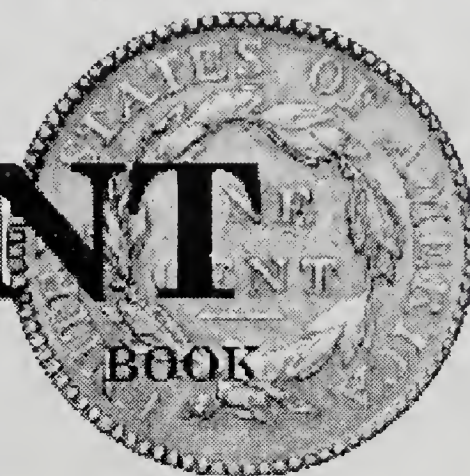
The reverse design depicts a contemporary infantry soldier carrying a wounded soldier to safety under enemy fire, reflecting the courage and self-sacrifice of all Medal of Honor recipients. This image conveys the patriotism of Medal of Honor recipients, as well as the criteria established by Congress in 1963 requiring that all Medals of Honor be awarded only for heroic action in combat.

Surcharges from the sale of these coins are authorized to be paid to the Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation to help finance its educational, scholarship and outreach programs.

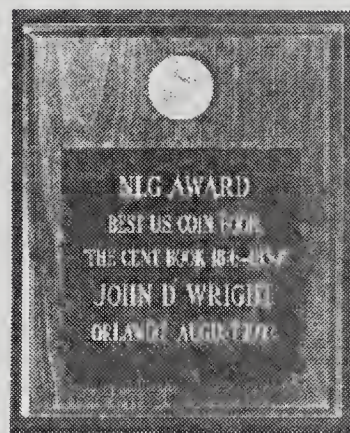
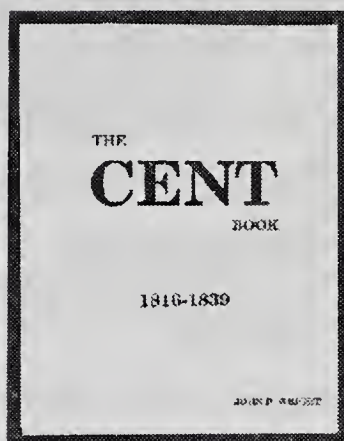




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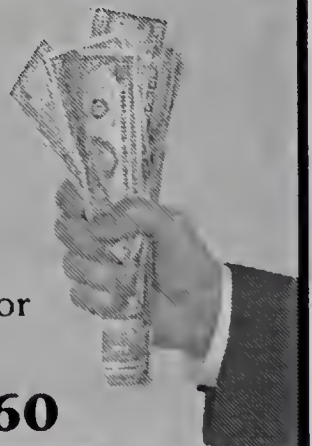
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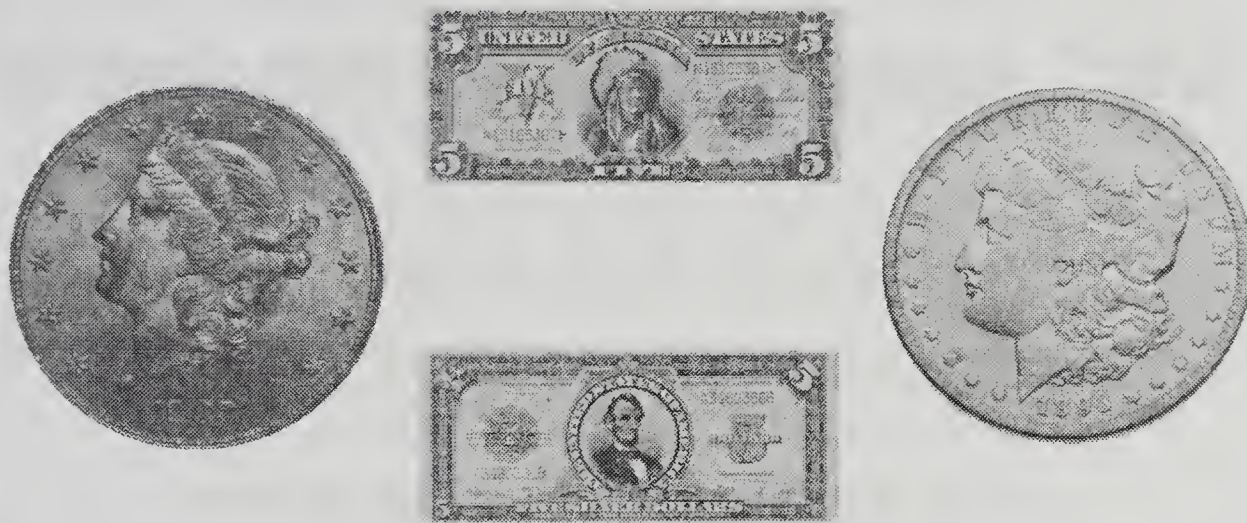
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# **Board Meeting Minutes**

**YOUR ILNA COIN CLUB BUSINESS**

**FROM ILNA SECRETARY JOHN SCHIKORA**

*The ILNA Summer, 2011 Board Meeting was held at the Northfield Inn, Springfield, Illinois on Sunday, July 24th, 2011.*

## **ROLL CALL**

Vice President Andrew Reiber called the meeting to order at 2:20 pm. Also in attendance were Secretary John Schikora, Chairman of the Board Steve Butler, Board Members Jim Paicz, Brian Heil, Tim Guest, Richard Prouty, Bill Price, and Eagle McMahon. President Steve Harrison, Treasurer Bill Burd, Brian Jaskierski and Nathaniel Murphy each had an excused absence. Jim Bradaric had an unexcused absence. There was one guest present, Joyce Paicz.

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

John Schikora informed the Board that no balloted election will be held this year since none of the five seats up for election were contested. ILNA's Constitution By-Law Article 3, Section 5, Paragraph 1 upheld this decision. Schikora also reported the Spring Minutes were approved by all Board Members via e-mail. Richard Prouty made a motion to accept the report as read, seconded by Steve Butler, passed unanimously.

## **DIGEST EDITOR'S REPORT**

Tim Guest informed the Board that the show *Digest* will be combined with the Fall *Digest* and the Congressional Medal of Honor will be the cover theme.

## **LIBRARY BOOK REPORT**

Andrew Reiber stated the books allotted for 2011 have been shipped. Jim Paicz notified the Board that Cunningham Exonumia has donated to ILNA a five volume set of the "Civil War Society".

## **BOURSE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Jim Paicz notified the Board that the cost of the convention room for the 2011 show will be \$14,200.00, not \$20,000.00 the convention center initially quoted. Also, the contract between Leonard's Auction and ILNA has been renegotiated whereby ILNA will receive a smaller percentage of the auction proceeds because ILNA refused to provide Leonard's Auction an attendee list from the 2010 show. ILNA does not share personal information with any outside organizations.

A discussion was made to print 1000 *Digests* for this year's show, 420 are to be mailed to ILNA members with the remaining 580 for distribution to individuals attending the show. Paicz also requested a \$3000.00 advance to cover the cost of printing and mailing show postcards and the *Digest*. Andrew Reiber stated an agreement will be signed between ILNA and Jim Paicz that any unused advanced funds are to be returned to ILNA, with Paicz agreeing. Tim Guest made a motion to accept the *Digest* printing and the \$3000.00 advancement, seconded by Richard Prouty, passed unanimously.

*"Summer Minutes" continued on page 32.*



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Paicz recommended purchasing two carts to be made available at the show for ILNA and dealer use. The cost of the two carts is \$120.00. Tim Guest made a motion to purchase the carts, seconded by Brian Heil, passed unanimously.

The Medal of Honor breakfast on Saturday September 10th will have a 100 seat reservation at \$5.00 per plate. Medal of Honor recipient Al Lynch will be the guest speaker. It was suggested by the Board that ILNA offer Mr. Lynch free room and board on Friday night. Paicz said he would present Mr. Lynch with the offer.

Lastly, Paicz notified the Board that exhibits will be displayed at this year’s show and certificates will be awarded to those selected as best in show.

#### **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT**

John Schikora informed the Board that ILNA currently has 420 members which consist of 214 regular members, 70 youth members, 113 life members and 23 club members. Andrew Reiber announced Jade Rare Coins will pay for all youth members who apply at the show.

#### **NATIONAL NUMISMATIC LEADERS**

Andrew Reiber said the website is almost complete and Jim Paicz stated a not-for-profit status has been granted.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 3:12 pm Brian Heil made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Bill Price, passed unanimously.

*Submitted by ILNA Secretary John Schikora*

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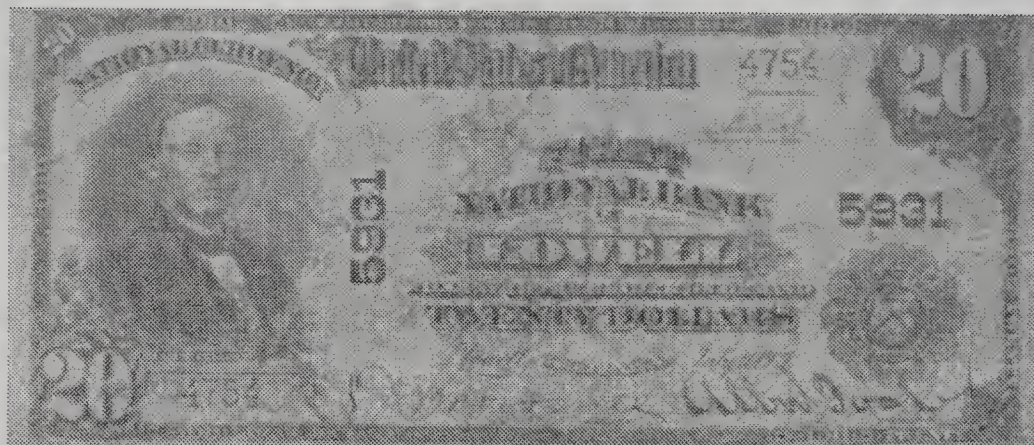
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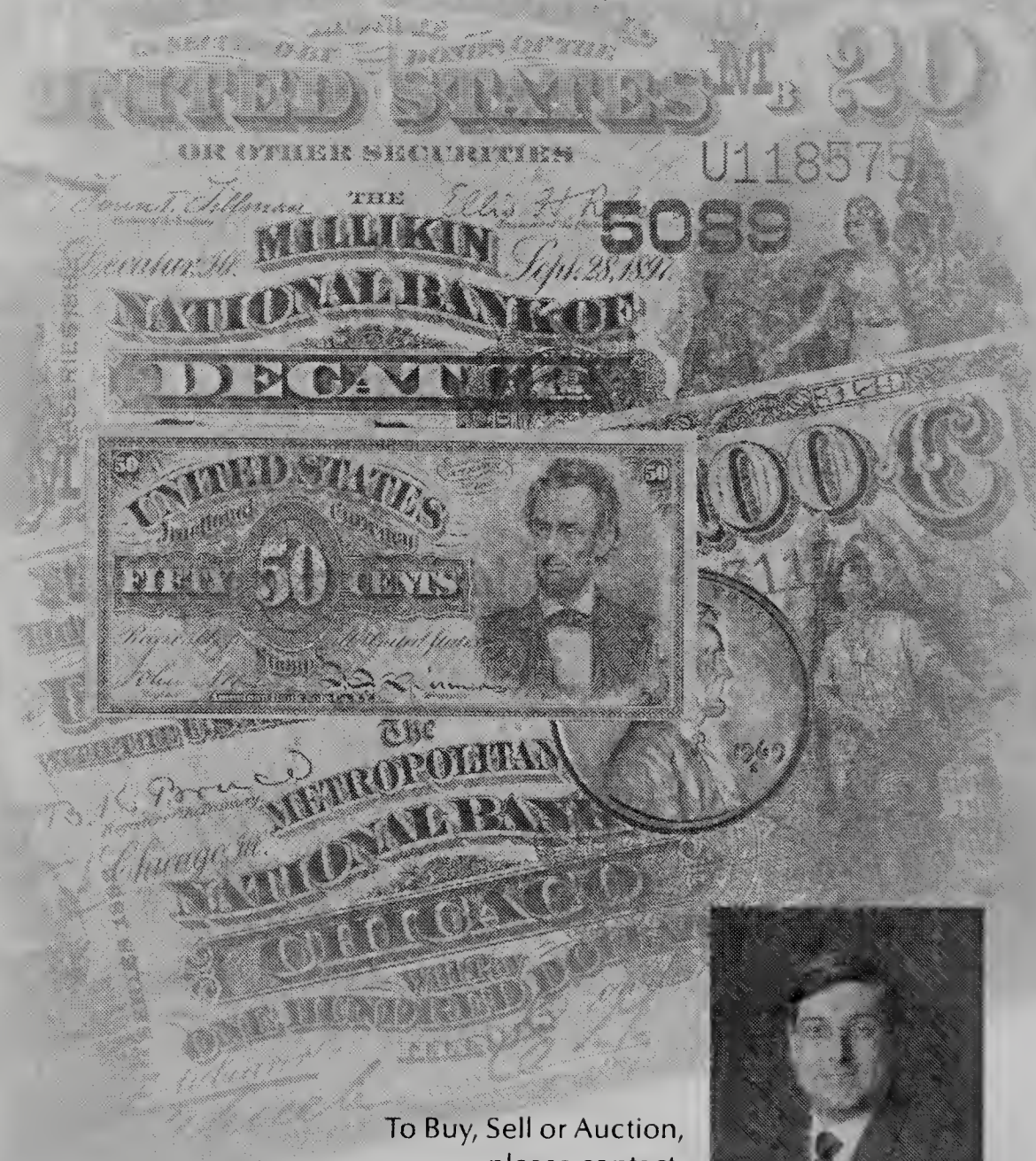
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## LOCAL SHOWS

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**September 8-10, ILNA's 52nd Annual Coin and Currency Show**– Tinley Park, IL. Location: Holiday Inn - Tinley Park Convention Center, 18501 S. Harlem Ave., Tinley Park, IL 60477. 220 Dealer Tables starting at only \$225, Early Bird Badges: \$45. Admission: Free. Public Auction held in conjunction with the show by Leonard Auction at 6:00 PM, Friday, September 9th. Informational Seminars and Youth Auction to be held Saturday, September 10th. Dealers Contact: Bourse Chairman Jim Paicz, P.O. Box 628, Richton Park, IL 60471. Email: [paiczj@aol.com](mailto:paiczj@aol.com) or Phone 708-670-3469 John Schikora: 708-423-9091. Visit Illinois Numismatic Association website for updates at [www.ilnaclub.info](http://www.ilnaclub.info).

**September 25, (Sunday) Dixon Coin Club 50th Anniversary Coin Show**– Location: 1560 Franklin Grove Rd. (IL Rte 38), Dixon, IL 61021. 50 Tables, Fee: \$45 for the 1st, \$25 ea. additional; Tables are 6 Ft., Dealer Setup: 7AM. Admission is free 9AM to 4PM. Contact Jerry Bartlett, 27015 Maple Dr., Sterling, IL 61081. Phone: 815-535-8427, Email: [jbartlett@thewisp.net](mailto:jbartlett@thewisp.net).

**October 9, Fairfield Coin Club 41st Annual Show**– Fairfield, IL from 9AM to 4PM. Location: North Side Grade School, 806 North First Street Fairfield, IL, 62837. Tables: \$25; Admission is free. Club awards presentation, door prizes and raffle drawing. Public and youth auctions held in conjunction with the show. For more information, contact Roberta Marshel, 618-599-2393, or [fairfieldcoinclub@gmail.com](mailto:fairfieldcoinclub@gmail.com).

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**November 6 (Sunday) Champaign-Urbana Coin and Currency Club Annual Show**— 9 AM to 4 PM, Urbana Civic Center, 108 Water St., Urbana, IL. Tables: 32, Fee: \$35, Free admission. Contact: Clyde Sweet, P.O. Box 1021, Champaign, IL 61824, phone: 217-840-2526, email: cwsweet3@msn.com.

**November 27 (Sunday) Mattoon Coin Club 51st Annual Show**— 9 AM to 3 PM, Mattoon Moose Club, 1212 Broadway Ave., Mattoon, IL. Free admission and hourly drawings. Security present during bourse hours. Contact: Bob Ohm, P.O. Box 143, Mattoon, IL 61938-0143 or phone: 217-234-2585. \*

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**Champaign-Urbana Coin and Currency Club.** Meetings: First Monday of each month, 7:30 P.M. at the Urbana Civic Center, 108 Water St., Urbana, Illinois. Information: Clyde Sweet, P.O. Box 1021, Champaign, IL, 61824. Phone: 217-840-2526, email: cwsweet3@msn.com.

**Chicago Coin Club.** Meetings: Second Wednesday of each month, 7:00 P.M. at Chicago Bar Association Building, 321 S. Plymouth Court, Chicago, IL 60604 and The Chicago Coin Club holds meetings at several coin and paper money shows. Information: Chicago Coin Club, P.O. Box 2301, Chicago, IL. 60690. Phone 773-878-8979 or email Carl Wolf at carlwolfco@msn.com.

**Club of Illinois Numismatists (C.O.I.N.S. Club).** Meetings: Second Thursday of each month, 7:30 P.M. at the Hazel Crest Village Hall, 3000 W. 170th St, Hazel Crest, IL. Information: (Mailing address) C.O.I.N.S. Club, P.O. Box 849, Hazel Crest, IL, 60429.

**Corn Belt Coin Club.** Meetings: First Tuesday of each month, 7:30 P.M. at the Bank of Illinois, 200 W. College Ave., Normal, IL. Information: Phone Jeff Stover 309-532-3205.

**Danville Coin Club.** Meetings: Third Monday of each month, 7:00 P.M. at the Palmer American Bank, Danville, IL. Information: Danville Coin Club, 2816 Baumgart, Danville, IL, 61832. Phone 217-443-6942.

**Dixon Coin Club.** Meetings: First Tuesday of each month, 7:00 P.M. at the Loveland Community Building, 513 W. 2nd St., Dixon, IL, 61021. Contact Jerry Bartlett, 815-535-8427.

**Dupo Coin Club.** Meetings: Third Monday of each month, 7:30 P.M. at the V.F.W. Hall, 200 N. 5th St., Dupo, IL. Information: Dupo Coin Club, 409 Olympia St, Columbia, IL, 62236. Phone Ron Nowak at 618-281-4875.

**Edgar County Coin Club.** Meetings: Third Sunday of each month, 2:00 P.M. at the Chamber of Commerce, 105 N. Central, Paris, IL. Information: Pat Brazelton, 1231 N. High St., Paris, IL, 61944. Phone: 217-463-2217. Email: pbraz@joink.com.

**Elgin Coin Club.** Meetings: First Wednesday of each month, 7:00 P.M. at the Elgin VFW Post at 1601 Weld Road, Elgin, IL. Information: Elgin Coin Club, P.O. Box 561, South Elgin, IL, 60177.



## LOCAL CLUBS

**Fairfield Coin Club.** Meetings: Second Sunday of each Month (Except Sunday of Annual Show), Noon to 3:00 P.M. at Frontier College, (Highway 45-15 West) 2 Frontier Drive, Fairfield, IL. Information: Elias N. Simpson, 501 West King St., Fairfield, IL, 62837. Phone: 618-842-2035.

**Hillsboro Hiltop Coin Club.** Meetings: Last Wednesday of each month, 7:30 P.M. (except July) at the Challacombe House, 509 School St., Hillsboro, IL. Information: Hiltop Coin Club, P.O. Box 23, Benld, IL, 62009. Email: hiltopcc@yahoo.com.

**Indian Hill Coin Club.** Meetings: Second Wednesday of each month, 8:00 P.M. at the Avon Township Hall, Washington St. in Round Lake Park. Information: Mike Hanninen, 2400 Horeb Ave., Zion, IL, 60099.

**Lake County Coin Club.** Meetings: First Tuesday of each month at 7:30 P.M. Location is Jester's Lounge, 1500 Lewis Ave, Waukegan, IL. Information: Lake County Coin Club, 2210 Crescent Pl., Waukegan, IL, 60085.

**Mattoon Coin Club.** Meetings: First Tuesday of each month, 7:30 P.M., Second floor of County Market (food store) at 20th St. and Western Avenue, Mattoon, Information: P.O. Box 143, Mattoon, IL, 61938.

**Metro East Coin & Currency Club.** Meetings: Third Tuesday of Sept. thru Nov. and Jan. thru April, 7:00 P.M. Edgemont Bible Church, 5100 N Illinois, Fairview Heights, IL. Information: Metro East Coin & Currency Club, PO Box 23. Belleville, IL, 62222. Phone 618-277-4493.

**Oak Forest Numismatic Society.** Meetings: First Friday of each month, 7:30 P.M. at the Bremen Township Hall, 15350 Oak Park Ave., Oak Forest, IL. Information: OFNS, P.O. Box 287, Oak Forest, IL, 60452.

**Quad-City Coin Club.** Meetings: Third Thursday of each month, 7:30 P.M. at the Garden Center of the Moline Park Board (located off 5th Ave, at 34th St.), Moline, IL. Information: John Brixey, Quad City Coin Club, P.O. Box 332, Moline, IL, 61266.

**Rantoul Coin Club.** Meetings: Second Thursday of each month, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 P.M. Temporarily at the American Lutheran Church, 500 Church Drive, Rantoul, IL, Information: RCC, 203 E. Campbell St., Rantoul, IL, 61866.

**Rockford Area Coin Club.** Meetings: Third Thursday of each month, 6:00 P.M. at the Loves Park Library, 6340 N. Second St., Loves Park, IL (Just north of Rockford). Information: Don Smith, 100 W. Main, Rockton, IL, 61072, Phone Daytime 815 624-0422.

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**Tazewell Numismatic Society.** Meetings: First Thursday of each month at the First United Methodist Church, 1315 Court Street (Across from hospital), Pekin, IL. Time: 7:00 P.M. Information: D. Freidinger, P.O. Box 1203, Pekin, IL 61555-1203. Phone 309-353-6178.

**Wat-cha-kee Coin Club.** Meetings: Second Thursday of each month, 7:30 p.m. (No meeting June, July, August) at Celebrations on the Corner, 209 W. Oak St. (Corner of 2nd and Oak), Watseka, IL, Information: Phone Kermit Wasmer at 815-432-4636.

**Will County Coin Club.** Meetings: First Thursday of each month, 7:30 p.m. at the Plainfield Fire Protection District, 15025 S. Des Plaines Road, Plainfield, Illinois (enter through the side door by the parking lot). Information: Mark Wieclaw, 175 W. Wood St., New Lenox, IL, 60451, or phone 815-485-4137.

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